



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER  
JEFF ATWATER  
STATE OF FLORIDA

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IN THE MATTER OF:

CASE NO.: 170022-15-AG

MICHAEL RYAN SHECHTMAN  
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CONSENT ORDER

THIS CAUSE came on for consideration and final agency action. Upon consideration of the record, including the Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order dated March 1, 2015, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Chief Financial Officer finds:

1. The Chief Financial Officer, as agency head of the Florida Department of Financial Services (the "Department"), has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this case and the parties.
2. The entry of this Consent Order and compliance herewith by Michael Ryan Shechtman (the "Respondent"), License #A240220, shall conclude the administrative proceeding of Case No. 170022-15-AG before the Department.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- (a) The Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order dated March 1, 2015, and attached hereto as "Exhibit A," is hereby approved and fully incorporated herein by reference.
- (b) The Respondent's licensure and eligibility for licensure as an insurance agent within the state are hereby surrendered to the Department. The surrender shall have the

same force and effect as a revocation, and shall constitute a revocation. The Respondent shall not engage in or attempt or profess to engage in any transaction or business for which a license or appointment is required under the Florida Insurance Code or directly or indirectly own, control, or be employed in any manner by any insurance agent or agency or adjuster or adjusting firm. The Respondent shall immediately return to the Department of Financial Services, Bureau of Licensing, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0319, all licenses issued to the Respondent pursuant to the Florida Insurance Code.

(c) Subsequent to the date of the execution of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall not make application to the Department for any license or permit issued under the authority of the Department. Subsequent to the date of the execution of this Consent Order, the Respondent shall be permanently ineligible to receive from the Department any license or permit issued under the authority of the Florida Department of Financial Services.

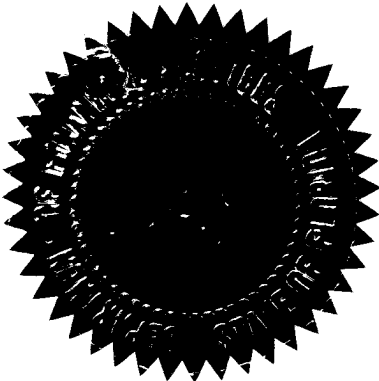
(d) The Respondent shall be immediately and permanently removed, pursuant to section 624.310, Florida Statutes. The Respondent shall otherwise be immediately and permanently removed and permanently barred from any and all direct or indirect participation in and/or affiliation with, any entity which is licensed or regulated under the Florida Insurance Code, as defined in section 624.01, Florida Statutes, and any individual or entity which is otherwise involved in the business or transaction of insurance.

(e) If the Department has good cause to believe that the Respondent has violated any condition of this Consent Order, then the Respondent authorizes the Department to seek the immediate enforcement of the order in the Circuit Court of the Second Judicial Circuit, in and for Leon County, in Tallahassee, Florida. If such an enforcement order is granted, then the

Respondent agrees that he shall be liable to the Department for all reasonable costs and attorneys fees expended in the enforcement action.

(f) Any person who knowingly transacts insurance or otherwise engages in insurance activities in this state without a license, or while the license is suspended or revoked, commits a felony of the third degree.

DONE and ORDERED this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015.



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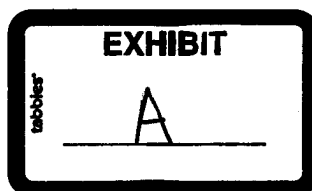
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION FOR CONSENT ORDER

IT IS HEREBY AGREED and STIPULATED by and between Michael Ryan Shechtman (the "Respondent") and the State of Florida, Department of Financial Services (the "Department"), that:

1. The Respondent is currently licensed as a Life, Health and Variable Annuity Agent, a Life and Health Agent, and a Personal Lines Agent. At all times relevant to the dates and occurrences referred to herein, the Respondent was so licensed in this state.

2. Pursuant to chapter 626, Florida Statutes, the Department has jurisdiction over the Respondent's licensure and eligibility for licensure and appointment in this state and the subject matter of this proceeding.

3. The Department conducted an investigation of the Respondent in his capacity as a licensee. On December 24, 2014, the Respondent entered a plea of guilty to conspiracy to commit securities fraud while holding an insurance license with the State of Florida; On September 9, 2014, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) barred the Respondent from



association with any broker, dealer, investment adviser, municipal securities dealer, municipal advisor, transfer agent, or nationally recognized statistical rating organization and any offering of a penny stock. In order to avoid formal litigation of this matter, the Respondent has determined that it is in his best interests to enter into this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order.

4. The Respondent voluntarily waives receipt of any notice or charges other than this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order with respect to his licenses and disciplinary penalties.

5. The Respondent voluntarily waives receipt of an administrative complaint pursuant to section 120.60(5), Florida Statutes, or any notice or charges other than this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order with respect to his licenses and disciplinary penalties.

6. By entering into this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order and by the filing of a Consent Order in this case, the Respondent and the Department intend to and do resolve all issues pertaining to the license disciplinary administrative penalties to be imposed against the Respondent based on the allegations in paragraph 3 above.

7. No party will appeal this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order or the Consent Order to be issued in this case, and the parties specifically waive notice of the right to appeal as required by section 120.569(1), Florida Statutes.

8. This document is a public record and contains information which is routinely published by the Department.

9. Each party to this proceeding shall bear its own costs and attorneys fees, unless otherwise provided herein.

10. This Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order is subject to the approval of the Chief Financial Officer or his designee. Upon his approval, and without further notice, the Chief Financial Officer or his designee may issue a Consent Order providing for the following:

(a) Incorporation by reference of all the terms and conditions of this Settlement Stipulation for Consent Order.

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DATED and SIGNED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2015.



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